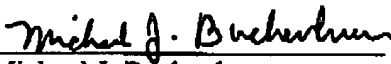


REMARKS

The Office Action of March 3, 2006 objected to claim 1 as containing two different modifications of step c). Therefore, Applicant proposes the cancellation of claim 1 and replacing it with a new claim 11 that deletes the duplicate of element c). The Office Action also rejected claims 2 and 7 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph for lacking antecedent basis for reciting the limitation "the determining of an initial property in step (b)." The Examiner suggested "determining a desirable property." Therefore, claim 2 is cancelled and rewritten and claim 7 has been as the Examiner suggested. Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered under 37 CFR §§1.116(b) and 41.33 on grounds that it presents claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

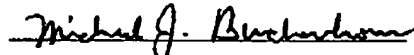
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